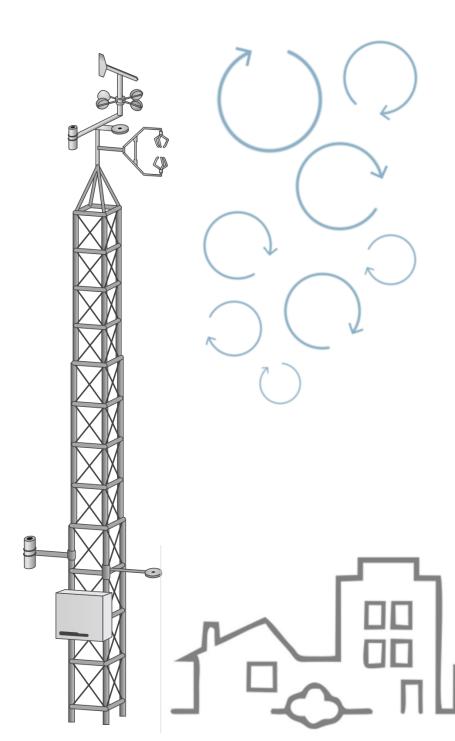
Examining long-term dynamics and budgets of CO₂ flux in a suburban community in Phoenix, Arizona

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Urban Eddy Covariance



The Eddy Covariance (EC) approach measures turbulent fluxes between the urban surface and atmosphere to quantify the exchange of energy (solar radiation, sensible heat, latent heat), water vapor (ET), and greenhouse gases (i.e., CO_2).

Characteristics of urban ecosystems:

- Heterogeneous landscapes within the flux footprint
- Rough surfaces with building assemblages
- Anthropogenic activities (traffic and air conditioning)

The Maryvale Site and Data Availability

We utilized the data from 2012 to 2021 to analyze the long-term variability of the water, energy, and CO₂ fluxes from intra-seasonal to interannual time scales, and the impacts of heat waves and droughts on CO₂ emissions in this urban environment.

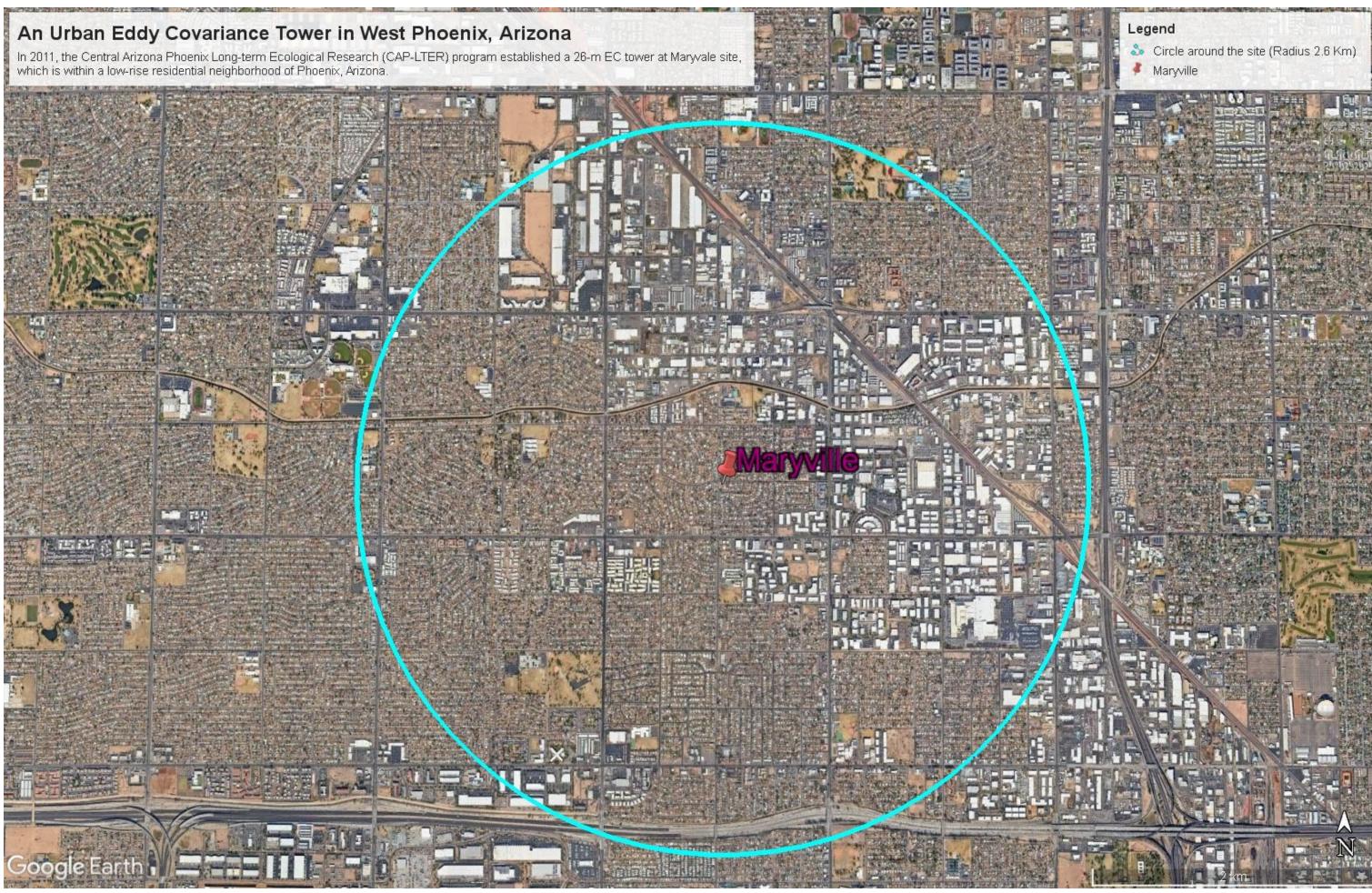
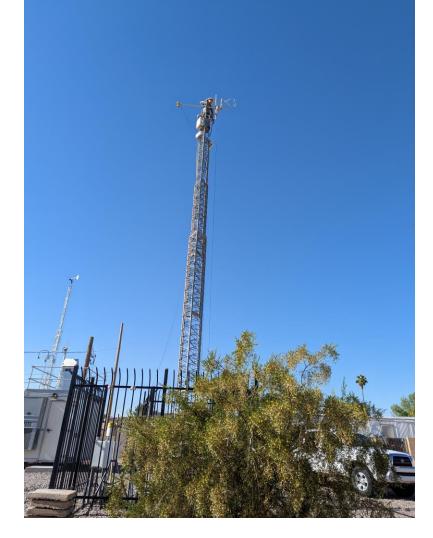


Figure 1. The location of the Maryville site and its surrounding landscape







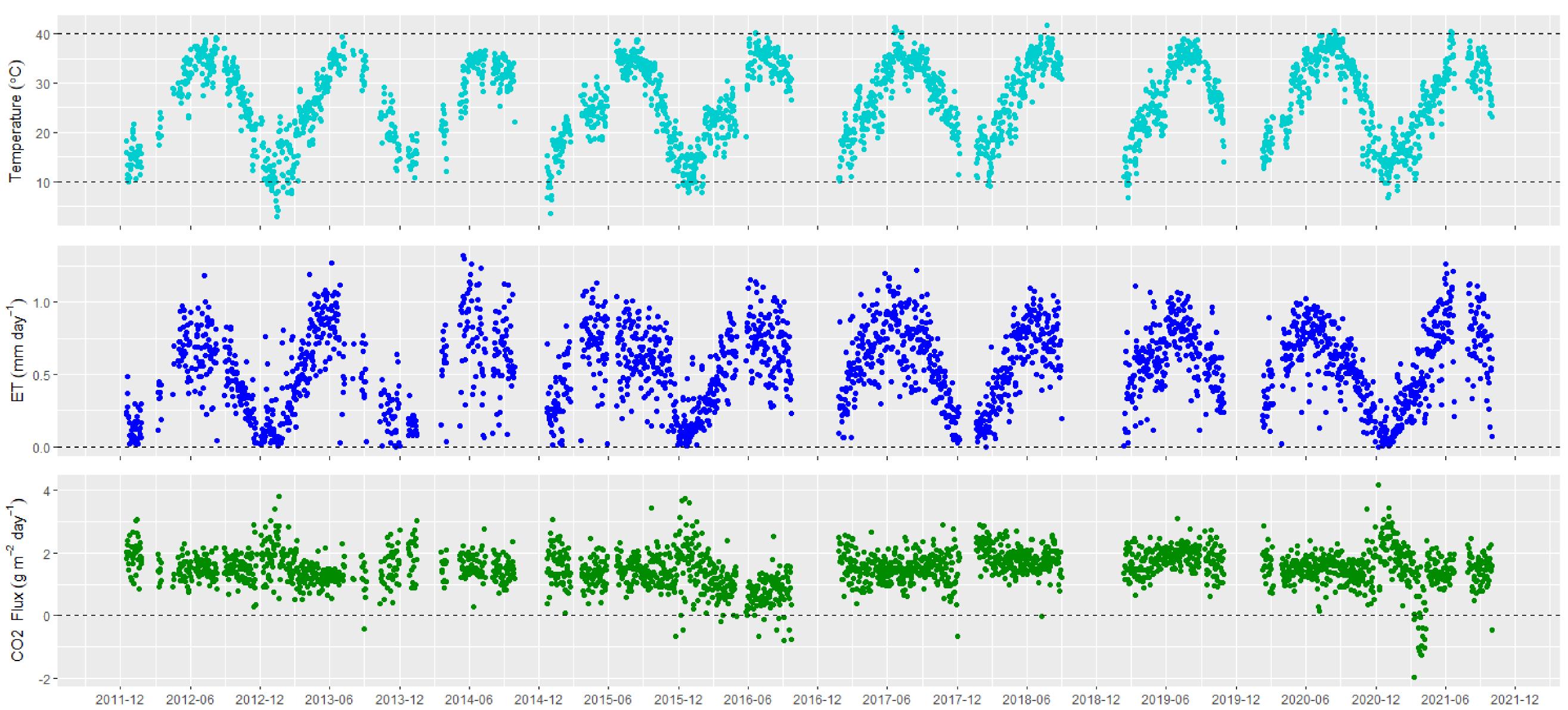
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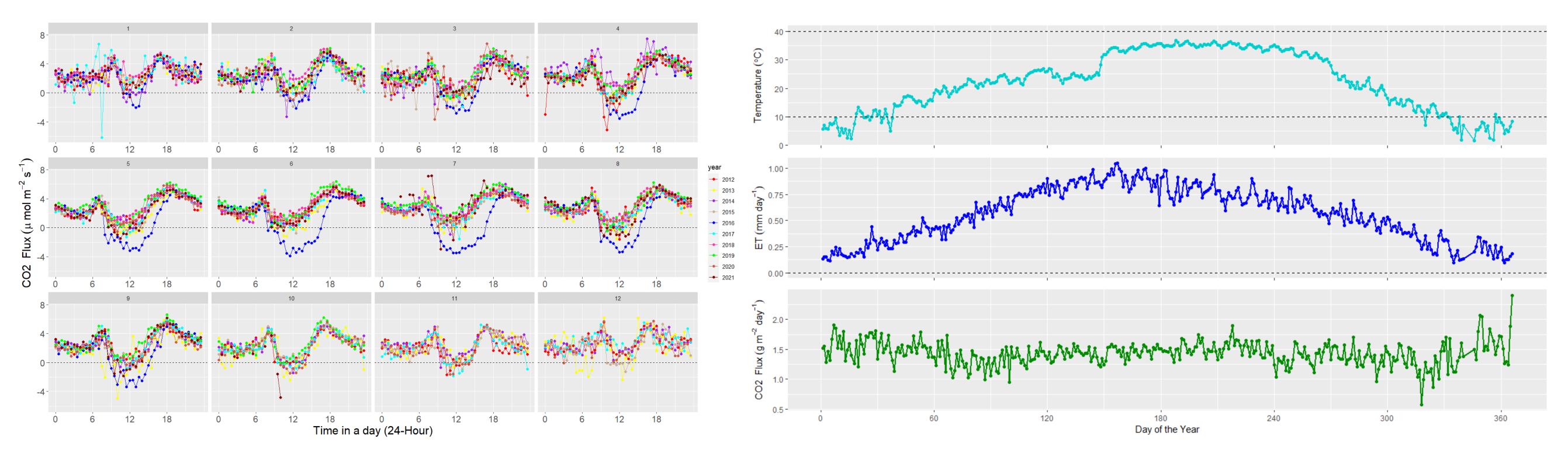


Historical CO2 flux Dynamics in Maryvale Site

Daily Series of Air Temperature, Evapotranspiration (ET), and CO₂ flux observed at Maryvale Site from 2011 to 2021.



Diurnal pattern of CO₂ flux (monthly ensemble)



Results and Summary

- periods of extreme heat waves and/or intensive drought stresses.

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Seasonal pattern of ET and CO₂ flux (annually ensemble)

The Maryvale EC site witnessed strong seasonality for ET flux, which was in synchronous with the air temperature dynamics. • The site is consistently a carbon source with negligible seasonality of CO₂ flux at annual and interannual scales. However, diurnal variations in CO₂ flux exhibited a solid correspondence to rush hour timing (early morning and later afternoon).

• Long-term EC observation and flux results are critical for quantifying the temporal and spatial variability of water, energy, and CO₂ fluxes, particularly during

